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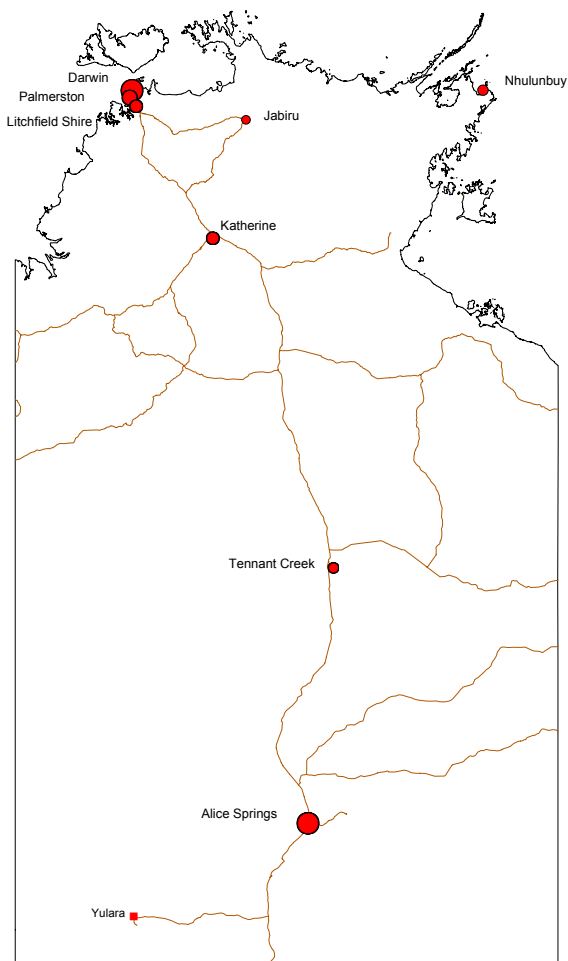


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Northern Territory
at a glance

Northern Territory (NT) comprises a land area of 1,346,200 km². It is the third largest of the states and territories after Western Australia and Queensland, yet has the smallest population and population density. The population is relatively young and highly urbanised with a significantly higher proportion of Indigenous people than in other states.

Darwin City has an estimated population of 72,852. It is the commercial and administrative centre of the Territory. Palmerston and Litchfield Shire with populations of 27,185 and 17,358 respectively, make up the total of the capital city area. Alice Springs is the largest regional population centre outside Darwin and is the base for significant tourism activities in the Central Region. Mining, tourism and defence are major contributors to the NT economy.



DEMOGRAPHY

		2006pr	2007p
Estimated Resident Population (30 June)			
Darwin City	no.	71 933	72 852
Palmerston City	no.	25 371	26 592
Litchfield Shire	no.	16 546	17 358
Katherine	no.	9 023	9 124
Tennant Creek	no.	3 332	3 427
Alice Springs	no.	26 194	26 305
Northern Territory	no.	210 674	214 975
Estimated Resident Population by age as at 30 June 2007p			
		Male	Female
All persons			
0-4	no.	9 128	8 711
5-14	no.	17 456	16 475
15-24	no.	17 672	15 973
25-64	no.	61 753	57 240
65+	no.	5 656	4 911
Total	no.	111 665	103 310
Experimental Estimated Resident Indigenous Population age groups — at 30 June 2006p			
		Male	Female
0-4	no.	4 081	3 869
5-14	no.	7 784	7 356
15-24	no.	6 593	6 524
25-64	no.	13 633	14 827
65+	no.	735	1 180
Total	no.	32 826	33 756
Vital Statistics			
Births	no.	3 659	3 696
Rate per 1 000 population		17.7	17.5
Deaths	no.	985	932
Rate per 1 000 population		4.8	4.4
Marriages	no.	774	799
Rate per 1 000 population		3.8	3.8
Divorces granted	no.	470	426
Rate per 1 000 population		2.3	2.1

LABOUR MARKET

		Jan 2007	Jan 2008
Labour Force (trend estimate)			
Employed persons	no.	103 100	108 900
Unemployed persons	no.	3 200	5 700
Unemployment rate	%	3.0	5.0
Participation rate	%	69.6	73.2
Labour force	no.	106 300	114 600
Civilian population aged 15 and over	no.	152 700	156 500
		Nov 2006	Nov 2007
Average Weekly Earnings			
All males total earnings	\$	975.50	1 025.50
All females total earnings	\$	724.80	748.20
All employees total earnings	\$	847.90	881.40
		Dec 2006	Dec 2007
Wage Price index		111.7	116.1

SELF EMPLOYED

	Aug 2006
Owner managers of incorporated enterprises	4 022
Owner managers of unincorporated enterprises	5 590
Contributing family workers	809

INDUSTRY SECTOR

	2001	2006
Commonwealth Government	8 902	8 345
State Government	13 744	13 711
Local Government	1 127	4 015
Private Sector	52 481	59 381
CDEP ¹	5 656	

¹ (CDEP) Community Development Employment Program was not identified separately in 2006

MODE OF TRANSPORT TO WORK

	Aug 2006
Number of persons who travelled to work solely by	
Bus	2 999
Bicycle	2 579
Walked	10 347
Car, as driver	46 702

EDUCATION

		2006	2007
Primary and secondary schools	no.	181	180
Teaching staff (full-time equivalent)	no.	2 976	2 985
Full-Time Students	no.	37 580	38 271

Qualifications - Level of Education completed		Aug 2006	
Postgraduate & Graduate Level		5 069	
Bachelor & Diploma Level		21 382	
Certificate III & IV		20 716	
Certificate I & II; & Certificate n.f.d.		4 304	

INTERNET ACCESS

		2005-06	2006-07
Households with home internet access	no.	35 000	41 000
Proportion with home internet access	%	60	67

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

		Nov 2007
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	no.	4 230
Mining	no.	3 050
Manufacturing	no.	4 590
Electricity, gas and water supply	no.	900
Construction	no.	9 760
Wholesale trade	no.	2 000
Retail trade	no.	13 060
Accommodation, cafes & restaurants	no.	8 240
Transport and storage	no.	6 690
Communication services	no.	2 150
Finance and insurance	no.	2 680
Property and business services	no.	8 470
Government administration & defence	no.	11 390
Education	no.	8 220
Health and community services	no.	11 820
Cultural and recreational services	no.	3 060
Personal and other services	no.	8 720
Total	no.	109 030

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PRICES - DARWIN

		2005-06	2006-07
Consumer Price Index	% change	3.3	4.4
Established House Price Index	% change	19.8	r15.8

Average Retail Prices — Darwin (cents)		Dec qtr 2006	Dec qtr 2007
Milk	2 litre	357	394
Bread, white loaf, sliced	650g	351	374
Rump steak	1kg	1 901	1 823
Potatoes	1kg	296	295
Eggs ¹ , 1 dozen	Av wt	359	472
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	286	287
Coffee, instant	150g jar	678	778
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285 ml glass	297	319
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	126.4	141.0

¹ Average of various egg types and carton weight.

OVERSEAS TRADE

		2006r	2007
Value of NT imports from			
Singapore	\$m	505.6	544.3
United States of America	\$m	49.0	255.1
Kuwait	\$m	149.8	221.3
Japan	\$m	117.9	106.5
Thailand	\$m	270.1	101.5
China	\$m	59.2	85.5
Viet Nam	\$m	132.3	50.5
Malaysia	\$m	79.6	45.4
Taiwan	\$m	16.2	41.9
Total imports all countries	\$m	2 859.7	2 586.3

Value of NT exports to			
Japan	\$m	1 218.0	1 298.4
China	\$m	740.8	893.8
Indonesia	\$m	259.0	295.2
United States of America	\$m	167.3	286.1
Canada	\$m	120.6	192.0
New Zealand	\$m	1.6	91.5
Romania	\$m	75.4	91.4
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	\$m	104.1	91.1
Singapore	\$m	439.8	90.0
Total exports all countries	\$m	3 617.8	3 873.5

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AGRICULTURAL & FISHING INDUSTRIES

Agriculture		2006	2007
Live cattle exports	number	246 158	321 151
Live cattle exports	\$m	146.6	204.4
Meat exports	\$'000	778.7	510.4
Fruit & nut exports	\$'000	1 056.9	892.2
Vegetable exports	\$'000	281.4	15.4

Fishing		2004-05	2005-06
Fishing (estimated value of catch)			
Crabs	\$m	4.4	4.4
Prawns	\$m	r79.3	80.1
All fish	\$m	27.0	27.3
Molluscs	\$m	1.2	1.3
Aquaculture	\$m	24.8	26.6
Total of all species	\$m	r135.9	139.8

		2006	2007
Fish exports	\$'000	809.0	393.1
Crustaceans & Molluscs Exports	\$'000	6 331.6	101.2

MINERALS, OIL AND GAS

		2004-05r	2005-06
Persons employed at end of June	no.	1 706	1 785
Wages and salaries	\$m	185	188
Value of mineral commodities produced	\$m	2 883	4 042

Mineral Exploration Expenditure		2005-06	2006-07
Total mineral exploration (other than petroleum)	\$m	74.7	92.2
Gold	\$m	22.4	n.p.
Uranium	\$m	19.1	30.1
Diamonds	\$m	6.8	8.3
Petroleum exploration	\$m	299.2	279.4

TRANSPORT

		2006	2007
Sales of New Motor Vehicles	no.	9 257	9 920
Motor Vehicles on Register (excl. Motor Cycles)	no.	110 065	113 813
Motor Cycles on Register	no.	3 950	4 365

RETAIL TRADE¹

		2006	2007
Turnover (Original)			
Food retailing	\$m	1 001.7	1 136.7
Clothing and soft goods retailing	\$m	98.3	111.7
Household goods retailing	\$m	284.7	346.0
Recreational goods retailing	\$m	50.3	57.3
Hospitality and services	\$m	401.1	391.8
Total	\$m	2 162.5	2 389.0

¹ Excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc

CONSTRUCTION

		2005-06	2006-07
Building approvals			
Total new houses	no.	677	761
Total new other residential building	no.	623	693
Total residential building	\$m	396.1	471.1
Total non-residential building	\$m	424.1	264.9
Total building	\$m	820.2	735.9
Building completions			
Total new houses	no.	634	716
Total new other residential building	no.	432	643
Total residential building	\$m	317.2	430.5
Total non-residential building	\$m	270.3	253.3
Total building	\$m	587.5	683.8

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Sep qtr 2006 Sep qtr 2007

Hotel, motels, guest houses & serviced apartments (15 or more rooms)

Establishments	no.	94	92
Persons employed	no.	3 479	3 107
Takings from accommodation	\$m	68.6	73.6
Room occupancy rate	%	75.9	78.1

TOURIST VISITATIONS¹ (average over 3 years)

2004-05 to 2006-07

		Domestic	International
The Top End & Katherine Area	no.	786 000	153 000
Proportion of NT visitors travelling to area	%	74	44
The Centre Area & Tablelands	no.	367 000	283 000
Proportion of NT visitors travelling to area	%	34	80

¹ Tourism NT

environment

CLIMATE

		Darwin Alice Springs	
Mean annual rainfall	mm	1 709.1	280.6
Mean annual temperature			
min	°C	23.2	13.2
max	°C	32.0	28.7
Mean annual relative humidity			
9.00 a.m.	%	71	42
3.00 p.m.	%	54	25

Highest daily rainfall 544.6mm was recorded at Roper River Station in 1963

Highest maximum temperature 48.3 °C was recorded at Finke in 1960

Lowest minimum temperature -7.5 °C was recorded at Alice Springs in 1976.

Source: Bureau of Meteorology 2008, Darwin, <<http://www.bom.gov.au>>

LAND USE

		June 2006	
Total area of agricultural holdings	'000 ha	59 127	
Area of non agricultural land	'000 ha	75 786	
Area of grazing land	'000 ha	56 812	
Environmentally sensitive areas fenced out of production	'000 ha	14	
Length of fencing used to protect areas from grazing	km	285	

NATURAL RESOURCES

The NT Parks and Wildlife Service manages more than 4.7 million hectares, approximately 3.5% of Northern Territory's land area¹. Uluru - Kata Tjuta National Park covers a further 132,566 hectares and Kakadu 19,804km².

2006-07

Visitors ¹ to Territory Wildlife Park	no.	71 000
Visitors ¹ to Alice Springs Desert Park	no.	91 000

¹ NT Dept Natural Resources, Environment & the Arts

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

°C	degrees Celsius	pr	preliminary rebased
g	gram	r	revised data
kg	kilogram	qtr	quarter
km ²	square kilometres	%	per cent
ml	millilitre	'000	thousands
mm	millimetre	\$	dollars
no.	number	\$m	millions dollar
p	preliminary data		

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